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GRB AND CUBA ANNOUNCE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

REF BUJUMBURA 1414 (DEC 11, 1972) NOTAL

1. FIRST GDR AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI, RONALD WEIDEMAN (RESIDENT IN KINSHASA), PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MICOMBERO JANUARY 31. BURUNDI HAD RECOGNIZED GDR LATE IN 1972 (SEE REFTEL).
2. IN PARTICULARLY WARM REMARKS, GDR AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE GDR AND GRB ADOPT IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR POSITIONS (PRESUMABLY AT UNGA) ON SUCH ISSUES AS SAFEGUARDING PEACE, GUARANTEEING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, AND "LIBERATION OF PEOPLES STILL OPPRESSED BY COLONIALISM AND RACISM".
3. IN AN EQUALLY WARM RESPONSE, MICOMBERO NOTED THE SIMILARITY OF VIEWS ON VARIOUS FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, AND

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EXPRESSED BURUNDI'S APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST

COUNTRIES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM  
AS WELL AS GDR AID TO LDC'S.

4. PUBLISHED REPORTS OF MEETINGS WITH GRB FONMIN SIMBANANIYE  
AND VICE FONMIN KARENZO INDICATE THE FORMER WILL VISIT GDR  
DURING 1974 AND THAT EAST GERMAN AID MIGHT BE IN FIELDS OF  
AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

5. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, BURUNDI AND CUBA ANNOUNCED  
DECISION, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 02, TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. DECISION TAKEN FOLLOWING  
NEGOTIATIONS BY THEIR AMBASSADORS TO UN, MESSRS. RICARDO AND  
NDABANIWE.

6. IT NOT KNOWN HERE WHETHER THESE MOVES RESULT  
OF BURUNDI INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH APPEARS MORE LIKELY TO BE  
FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION ON PART OF  
GDR AND CUBA. FRG AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBOFF HE DOESN'T EXPECT  
EAST GERMAN AID TO BURUNDI WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL.  
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